

waiver, within the meaning of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (Public Law 108–19), granted by the World Trade Organization has been in effect since January 1, 2003, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2012—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 111–67). **Pages H11143–44**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11113 and H11156.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 942 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Armed Services.

**Pages H11113, H11163**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11124, H11124–25, H11125, H11126, H11126–27, H11140–41, H11141–42 and H11142. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE RAPID ACQUISITION PROCESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on the Department of Defense's Rapid Acquisition Process: Is It a Model for Improving Acquisition? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Tom Dee, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and Dov Zakheim, former Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

### IMPROVING CHILD NUTRITION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing to Examining Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1147, amended, Local Community Radio Act of 2009; H.R. 1084, amended, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act; H.R. 1258, as amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009; and H.R. 3633, To allow the funding for the interoperable

emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

### CREDIT CARD REFORM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2382, Credit Card Interchange Fees Act of 2009; and H.R. 3639, Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Welch and Shuster; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL RESERVES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Future of the Federal Housing Administration's Capital Reserves: Assumptions, Predictions and Implications for Homebuyers." Testimony was heard from David Stevens, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### SUPREME COURT CIVIL RIGHTS DECISIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Civil Rights Under Fire: Recent Supreme Court Decisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HEALTH INSURANCE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 3596, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD RESEARCH

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Investing in High-Risk, High-Reward Research. Testimony was heard from James Collins, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3723, Small Business Credit Expansion and Loan Markets Stabilization Act; H.R. 3739, Job Creation and Economic Development Through CDC Modernization Act of 2009; H.R. 3737, Small Business Microlending Expansion Act of 2009; H.R. 3740,

Small Business Investment Company Modernization and Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3722, Enhanced New Markets and Expanded Investment in Renewable Energy for Small Manufacturers Act of 2009; H.R. 3014, Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act; H.R. 3738, Small Business Early Stage Investment Act of 2009; and H.R. 3743, Small Business Disaster Readiness and Reform Act of 2009.

## VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act; H.R. 2243, Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3544, National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and Thomas Pamperin, Deputy Director, Policy and Procedures, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2696, amended, Servicemembers' Rights Protection Act; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residence Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2874, amended, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; and H.R. 1168, amended, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

## SAFETY NET PROGRAMS RESPONSE DURING RECESSION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to evaluate the response of "safety net" programs during the recession. Testimony was heard from Chip Rogers, Senate Majority Leader, Legislature, State of

Georgia; Ismael Ahmed, Director, Department of Human Services, State of Michigan; Virginia T. Lodge, Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Center of Excellence. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 12 through October 17, 2009

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute at 5:30 p.m.

Upon completion of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 14, to hold hearings to examine combating distracted